

Media ownership in this country by fewer and fewer corporations is, and has been, a disaster for democracy. It is dishonest and disingenuous for Michael Powell and other Republicans to claim that Americans' access to information has grown due to new technologies. It has only splintered into babble -- making it all the more important that there be POLITICAL DIVERSITY among the big prizes in radio, television, and newspapers.

About all that's left of the mass media in this country is corporate-friendly, government-afraid, dumbed-down, and politically incapable of questioning conventional right-wing economics. The "relaxed" media ownership rules proposed will only make things worse.

REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEDIA OUTLETS ONE COMPANY CAN OWN. DO NOT INCREASE IT. Do you work for the American people, or for a bunch of lobbyists?